

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 3, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 30 and ending at page 4, line 4 as follows:

--It is to be noted that the present description distinguishes between an open interface on one hand and a proprietary interface on the other hand. The term "proprietary interface" is intended to designate an interface specific for an individual network and thus dependent on a network operator, while the term "open interface" is intended to designate an interface independent ~~of~~ individual networks and thus independent of network operators that can be accessed from different networks, presumably also run by different operators.--

At page 6, please amend the paragraph beginning at line 3 as follows:

--In a current implementation, data are transmitted via the Ater interface for GSM in a data format used for the Abis interface, i.e. in TRAU frames. However, these frames have been specified only for TDM (PCM transmission) and the respective implementations are also proprietary.--